

REMARKS

The Office Action indicated that Claims 5, 8, 9, 17-23 and 26 were allowed. The Office Action further indicated that the subject matter of Claims 3, 4 and 12-15 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form.

Applicant has, accordingly, incorporated the indicated allowable subject matter of Claim 12 into Claim 1 from which it depended. Accordingly, it is believed that now Claim 1 and the dependent Claims 2-4, 6, 7, and 13-16 should be allowed.

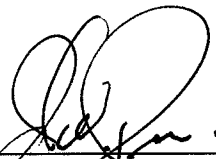
The subject matter of dependent Claim 4 has now been written in independent form as new Claim 27.

With the cancelling of Claims 24 and 25, it is believed that only allowable subject matter is presently in the application and an early notice of allowance is requested.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone interview will help further the prosecution of this case, the undersigned attorney can be contacted at the listed telephone number.

Very truly yours,

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